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SUBJECT: LEBANON: DEMARCHES ON UNGA, NORTH KOREA AND  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

REF: A. STATE 168341  
[1](#)B. STATE 169257  
[1](#)C. STATE 172816

[1](#)1. (SBU) Polchief delivered reftel demarches October 21 to Joumane Khaddage, Counselor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Khaddage will be traveling to New York October 26 to participate in the General Assembly with the Lebanese delegation, and promised to convey our points to appropriate officials in the Ministry and on the delegation.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Per ref B instructions, Polchief and Australian diplomat Tony Barlow presented the joint demarche talking points on the rights of indigenous peoples. (There is no New Zealand diplomatic representation in Beirut, but Polchief and Barlow made it clear that the demarche represented the views of all three governments.) In response to the demarche, Khaddage expressed her view that the issue is likely not of vital importance to Lebanon. Polchief asked Khaddage to consider not only the substance of USG, Australia and New Zealand objections the UN Draft Text, but also the fact that the text had been passed in the Human Rights Council in a divisive manner without achieving consensus. Khaddage promised to bring this objection to the attention of the Lebanese delegation in New York.  
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